

REMARKS

This Amendment is a response to the Office Action mailed on July 12, 2006.

In that action the Examiner makes the previously asserted restriction requirement final and rejects claims 21 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as unpatentable over Uchida U.S. Patent No. 5,266,130 and claims 22-24 and 26-32 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as unpatentable over the Uchida reference and further in view WO 03/074750A1 ("the '750 reference").

The applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection of the pending claims. Those claims define a unique Al-Mg-Si series alloy plate, containing 0.18 to .05 wt% of Fe. This alloy realizes improved strength and excellent corrosion resistance through hot rolling and cold rolling, and optionally, conducting final aging. In contrast, the Uchida reference discloses an alloy that contains 0.15 wt% of Fe and that obtains strength and elongation by conducting solution treatment after cold rolling and by then controlling a cooling process. Also, the '750 reference does not overcome the shortcoming of the Uchida reference.

In view of the foregoing, the applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

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